

NOTICE TO ALL TIMBER PURCHASERS

COMBINED THINNING Timber Sale Caney R.D.

Bids will be received at the Forest Supervisor's Office, 2500 Shreveport Highway, Pineville, LA on July 10, 2014 at 9:00 AM.

LOCATION: This sale is located on the Caney and Middlefork Units of the Caney Ranger District. The Middlefork Unit portion of the sale is located five (5) miles north of Homer, LA in T22N R6W, Sections 11, 12, 13 and 17 of Claiborne Parish. The Caney Unit portion of the sale is located four (4) miles north of Minden, LA in T20N, R8W Section 17 and T20N, R9W, Sections 15 and 27, Webster Parish, LA.

INCLUDED TIMBER: The sale area consists of about 664 acres, of which an estimated 173 acres are designated for cutting. The sale contains seven (7) Payment Units, all of which are designation by spacing thinning, which allows the purchaser to cut and remove smaller diameter trees and leave the larger trees on a specific spacing of approximately 19 x 19 feet. The trees designated for cutting are described as those meeting the Utilization Standards and the following criteria: 1) if the tree is within 13 feet of a live pine tree that has a larger stump diameter than it and the larger tree is not designated for cutting; and 2) all trees within skid corridors which are no more than 14 feet wide and no closer than 70 feet apart measured center to center. The boundaries of the Payment Units are marked with orange paint.

LENGTH OF CONTRACT: The Contract termination date will be **September 30, 2016.**

FORM AD-3030-FS: Corporations submitting an offer under this solicitation must include form AD-3030-FS Representations Regarding Felony Conviction and Tax Delinquent Status for Corporate Applicants. The form is located behind Page 5 of the Bid for Advertised Timber.

EROSION CONTROL: The Purchaser will be responsible for seeding and fertilizing approximately 3 acres to Forest Service specifications. The Purchaser may elect to enter into a cooperative agreement with the Forest Service to have the Erosion Control work performed in exchange for a cooperative deposit in the amount of **\$1,296.24.**

PREHAUL ROAD MAINTENANCE: There is no Pre-Haul Maintenance associated with this sale.

ROAD MAINTENANCE: The purchaser will be responsible for making a required deposit (16 U.S.C. 537) in the amount of **\$0.33** per CCF (approximately **\$1,285.41**) for using Forest Service roads to haul timber. Additionally, a cost allowance for Purchaser required road maintenance on secondary roads of approximately \$601.06 has been made in the appraised value of the timber.

SLASH DISPOSAL: In Payment Units 1 through 7, Slash Disposal will be required in areas where slash accumulation is higher than 2 feet.

All interested bidders should investigate the sale area and the sample contract prior to submission of bids, and become familiar with the provisions mentioned above and others which apply to this timber sale contract. Please contact the District Office at (318) 927-2061 if you have any questions about this sale.